

2. Please amend the specification by adding the following abstract as page 160:

-- ABSTRACT:

A method for smoothing the clipping of an input signal in a clip region, at either the entry to or exit from the clip region, or both, in which a clip region is defined and a current input signal value is compared to the defined clip region, and the dV/dt of, for example, the current and prior input signals is calculated for input signals identified as being within the clip region, in response to which an output signal output is modified to provide a smooth transition from region to region. Various alternative approaches are also disclosed. --

REMARKS

Applicant herewith submits the proposed Preliminary Amendment in order to correct a typographical error in the initial application pertaining to the number of the figures, as filed November 29, 2000. Further, Applicant herewith amends the application by adding an abstract which was omitted from the initial filing.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."